

Service Date: April 12,1988

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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| IN THE MATTER of the Application of) | |
| NORTHWESTERN TELEPHONE SYSTEMS, INC.) | |
| for Authority to change Custom) | UTILITY DIVISION |
| Calling and Touch Calling Services) | DOCKET NO. 88.2.6 |
| and for Approval of Tariff Charges) | DEFAULT ORDER NO. 5337 |
| for Telecommunications Service.) | |
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On February 10, 1988, Northwestern Telephone Systems, Inc. (NWTS or Company) filed tariffs requesting revisions to Custom Calling and Touch Calling Services, with the Montana Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission).

Having considered the application and documentation furnished by NWTS, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On February 24, 1988, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity For Public Hearing. The notice was served on the Montana Consumer Counsel, Northwestern Telephone Systems, and was published in the Daily Inter Lake on March 1, 1988. The Notice stated that if no requests for a public hearing were received by March 24, 1988, a default order could be issued.

2. No protests or requests for public hearing were received and no hearing was scheduled.

3. The Company is requesting several changes to Custom Calling Services (Schedule 15); Including: 1) the addition of four calling packages; 2) to reduce the prices of four calling packages, and; 3) to remove Toll Restriction from Schedule 15, reduce its rate, and place it in Schedule 16. The Company also requests that the installation charges associated with Custom Calling and Touch Calling be waived for the first 120-day period immediately following the approval of the proposed tariffs. Lastly, the Company requests general housekeeping revisions to Schedule 17.

4. The Company anticipates that the proposed changes will increase annual revenues by approximately \$11,340.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Northwestern Telephone Systems, Inc. furnishes regulated telecommunications services within the State of Montana and is a public utility under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Montana Public Service Commission.

2. The Montana Public Service Commission properly exercises jurisdiction of the Company's operations pursuant to Title 69, Chapter 3, MCA.

ORDER

1. Northwestern Telephone Systems, Inc.'s request for authorization to change tariffs is hereby APPROVED.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana this 8th day of April, 1988 by a 5 - 0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CLYDE JARVIS, Chairman

JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner

TOM MONAHAN, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Ann Purcell
Acting Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: Any interested party may request that the Commission reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.

